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SUBJ: REHABILITATED DELINQUENTS RETURNED TO SOCIETY

1. IN MAY, AUGUST, EPT. 1974 GOC SENT NUMBERS OF COMMON CRIMINALS AND PERSONS WITH POLICE RECORDS TO WORK CAMPS IN NORTHERN CHILE FOR REHABILITATION UNDER MILITARY SUPERVISION. PRESS NOW IS GIVING CONSIDERABLE ATTENTION TO RETURN TO SANTIAGO OF ABOUT 275-300 WHO ARE CONSIDERED REHABILITATED. DETAINEES HAD BEEN HELD UNDER STATE OF SIEGE PROVISIONS AT PISAGUA AND CHACABUCO. ACCORDING TO PRESS, ONLY 40 MORE DELINQUENTS REMAIN IN CUSTODY TO COMPLETE THEIR REHABILITATION.

2. THIRTY-FIVE DELINQUENTS STILL HAVE POLICE CHARGES PENDING AGAINST THEM, BUT POLICE REPORTEDLY WILL COOPERATE IN RESOLVING THESE. ENTIRE GROUP WAS ASSEMBLED APRIL 28 TO HEAR GEN. BAEZA OF INVESTIGACIONES (CIVIL POLICE) GIVE WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT BEFORE THEIR FINAL RELEASE. ASSEMBLY SANG SPECIALLY CREATED HYMN "THANKS TO THE MILITARY". INDIVIDUALS INTERVIEWED BY PRESS SAID TREATMENT HAD BEEN GOOD: ALL WERE GRATEFUL FOR REHABILITATION. INVESTIGATIONS ITSELF WILL HIRE 78 OF GROUP FOR WORK AS CARPENTERS, ETC., AND REST WILL BE GIVEN TEMPORARY JOBS WITH MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENTS (PRESUMABLY LEAF-RAKING, ETC., RECENTLY INTRODUCED FOR UNEMPLOYED.)

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3. COMMENT: WE HAVE BEEN TOLD THAT CHACABUCO DETENTION CAMP
WILL BE CLOSED FOLLOWING DEPARTURE OF THESE DELINQUENTS. BOTH
CHACABUCO AND PISAQUA CAMPS HAD BEEN USED EARLIER FOR PERSONS
DETAINED ON SECURITY GROUNDS.
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